[President]

It was on that basis license was given and it was made a condition that forty five per cent of the shares should be open to Travancoreans. Government have a suspicion though they have no certainty in the matter that as indicated in one of the questions, the so-called Travancoreans were stalking horses or benamdars or whatever name you call it The moment it was registered, efforts were made to re-register it to non-Travancoreans. It is a regrettable feature. Government do still persevere in their attempts to get this company issued in the name of Travancoreans with the necessary shares held by Travancoreans. There is nothing to prevent a Travancorean to transfer his shares to a non-Travancorean, and to lay down a condition that the shares should not be transferred would create very many difficulties in some cases. In some cases such a step may be justifiable. Suppose a Travancorean has some shares and he wants to sell them and no Travancorean is prepared to come forward to take them, he will be put to difficulties. In that case, he must have the convenience to sell them to non-Travancoreans. It is for that reason I made it very clear : that is a matter in which local patriotism should have its full operation.

Motor Checking Stations.

56 * MR P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Meenachil* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many motor checking stations are there in the State ;

(*b*) whether the necessary buildings have been constructed or taken on rent for this purpose ;

(*c*) whether there is any Government building or rented building for the checking station at Palai ; and

(*d*) whether the necessary furniture is provided in these stations ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G.S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (*a*) 39.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The checking station at Palai is housed in a private building for which no rent is paid.

(*d*) 13 Checking Stations have been provided with furniture.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI : With reference to answer to part (c), am I to take it that the checking station is still housed in the veranda of that private building ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : I am told that the checking station is held in the veranda of the private building.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI : May I know whether it is a house or a tea shop ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : I am told that is a private building. I am not aware whether it is a house or some other thing as is now suggested by the honourable member.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : ചെക്കിങ്ങ്സ് റേഷനുവേണ്ടി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും വല്ല ചെലവും ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, some stations have been built for that purpose.

MR. PADIYARAJOSEPH KUNJU : സർ, ഒരു പ്രായിൻറ് ആഫ ആർഡർ. സാധാരണ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ എന്തെങ്കിലും ചോദ്യം ചോദിക്കുമ്പോൾ " I am not aware " എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു് ഒഴിയുകയാണു ചെയ്യുന്നതു്.

PRESIDENT : It is possible that sometimes officers of Government may not be aware of matters.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : ഞങ്ങൾ ഡഫനിറ്റായി ഒരു ചോദ്യം ചോദിച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണു്. അതിനു് സപ്ലിമെൻറി ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാകുമെന്നു് അറിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുകയും അതു പഠിച്ചു കൊണ്ടു വരികയും വേണം.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. When a question is put, if the supplementary question arises directly out of that question and involves some facts or some inference which the Government member ought to be aware of and should take trouble to study before he comes to this House then I always allow supplementary questions on that matter. But if a question relates to extraneous or foreign matter, even Government members cannot be omniscient, they can as well say that they are not aware. Invention of an answer at the spur of the moment might lead to embarrassing consequences.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI : May I know why so much is made about the absence of furniture in certain checking stations?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : I am just finding out from the papers before me about the real position. There are furniture in about 13 places Personally speaking, I certainly like the Gandhian method of squatting on the floor in mats and doing routine work. No tables and chairs are needed at all. Now that civilisation has come about, there is not a single place without tables and chairs for transacting office work. A time piece also is essential since the place is a checking station. I shall try to provide furniture in stations where they are lacking.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN : ഏതെങ്കിലും ചെക്കിങ്ങ്സ് റേഷനിൽ മേശയും കസേരയും ഇല്ലാതെയുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, there are.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN : അങ്ങനെ എത്രയെണ്ണം ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

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RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: In 13 stations or so the position is that. In others there is no furniture. That is a matter for mere inference.

MR. K P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: മുപ്പത്തിഒമ്പതിൽ പതിമൂന്നു ഒഴിച്ചു ബാക്കിയൊന്നിനും മേശയും കസേരയും ഇല്ലെന്നാണോ മെമ്പർ പറയുന്നത്?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: My information is that in only thirteen stations, furniture is kept. That means the rest of the stations do not keep any furniture.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: എത്ര സ്റ്റേഷൻ പണിയിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ചിലവ് ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും വഹിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: This work was undertaken by my predecessor. Certain checking stations are the property of certain bus companies and I propose to go into this question afresh and do what is needed. Personally, I do not want to put a checking station in the property of bus companies.

MR K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: എന്റെ ചോദ്യം അതല്ല. മുപ്പത്തിഒമ്പതു സ്റ്റേഷനിൽ ഒരെണ്ണത്തിനുമാത്രമേ പണം ചിലവാക്കിയതായി റിക്കാർഡ് ഉള്ളു എന്നു പറയുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ട് ബാക്കിയുള്ളവ സിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ നിന്ന് പണിയീച്ചതല്ലെന്നാണോ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതു?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I shall clarify the position by reading out a statement.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: പതിമൂന്നു ചെക്കിംങ്ങ് സ്റ്റേഷനിലേക്കു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും സാമാനം സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നതായി കാണുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ടു ബാക്കിയുള്ള ചെക്കിംങ്ങ് സ്റ്റേഷനുകളിൽ സാമാനങ്ങളൊന്നും ഇല്ലെന്നാണോ ധരിക്കേണ്ടതു?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: All that I wish to say is that furniture was provided to thirteen stations.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഈ പതിമൂന്നുസ്റ്റേഷനുകളിലെ ഉള്ളു എന്നു പറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I am certain about it.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഈ പതിമൂന്നു സ്റ്റേഷനുകളിലെ സാമാനമുള്ളു എന്നു പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Yes.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : മറ്റുള്ള സ്റ്റേഷനുകളിൽ പൊലീസുകാർ സാമാനങ്ങൾ വാങ്ങിവച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതായി മെമ്പർ ഏതെങ്കിലും കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT : What is the fuss about the furniture in the checking stations? Why should there be a table and chair for transacting business. Is it not possible to sit on the floor on a mat and carry on business?

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : The Inspector-General of Police condemned the Gandhian method of sitting on the floor on a mat for transacting business.

PRESIDENT : A good mat is quite ample for sitting purposes and the business could be carried on. I do not think there is necessity for a table and chair at all in checking stations.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : I hope to take away the furniture even from places where they are now supplied. That will minimise expenditure also.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : പാലായിലെ ചെക്കിംങ്ങ് സ്റ്റേഷൻ ഇട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന കെട്ടിടത്തിനു കൂലികൊടുക്കുന്നില്ല എന്നു പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ കൂലി കൂടാതെ ഈ ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്കു കെട്ടിടം വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ച ചേതോവികാരം എന്തെന്നു പറയാമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : That is not altogether a philanthropic proposition. The land was given to us by the Standard Motor Union Company and I am now thinking whether the checking station there could not be taken away. I will come to a decision on the point shortly. I may add that the housing of stations in such places may even demoralise the purpose of such institutions.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : In the light of the observations from the Chair, will the Inspector-General of Police consider the question of providing mats in the checking stations instead of table and chair?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : I shall certainly make use of that observation, so much so some reduction could be effected in the expenditure in respect of those 13 stations.

PRESIDENT : Even if the Inspector-General asks for a grant, for this purpose, the Government may not grant it.

Arrears in Land Revenue for the years 1113 and 1114.

57 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : With reference to the answer given to interpellation No. 815, reported on page 1114 of the Assembly Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have realised the arrears in Land Revenue for the years 1113 and 1114; and

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